



THE FIFTH LADY CHARLOTTE BURY.

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ILLUSTRATIVE MEMOIR OF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LADY CHARLOTTE BURY.

THE Right Honourable Lady Charlotte Bury, a woman distinguished as much by her literary attainments, and the superiority of her intellectual powers, as by every charm of person, every elegant and graceful accomplishment, is sister of the present, and youngest daughter of the late, Duke of Argyll. The duchess, her mother, was Elizabeth, second daughter of John Gunning, of Castle Coot, in the county of Roscommon, Esq., by the Hon. Bridget Bourke, third daughter of Theobald, sixth Viscount Mayo. At the period of her marriage with His Grace the Duke of Argyll, which occurred on the 3d of March, 1759, she was the widow of James, sixth Duke of Hamilton; and on the 20th of May, 1776, she was created a peeress of Great Britain, by the title of Baroness Hamilton, of Hamilton, in the county of Leicester, with remainder of the dignity of a baron to her heirs male.

The noble and illustrious family of the Campbells, Dukes of Argyll, paternal ancestors of Lady Charlotte Bury, appears to have been of Anglo-Norman origin, and to have settled in Scotland soon after the Conquest. Gillespie Campbell acquired the Lordship of Lochow, by marriage with an heiress, in the eleventh century. Sir Neil Campbell, his descendant, was honoured with knighthood, by King Alexander III., who commenced his reign in 1249. In 1292, he was summoned among the *mag-*

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nates Scotiae, to Berwick, on the part of King Robert Bruce, who afterwards gave him his sister, Lady Mary Bruce, in marriage. His son, Sir Colin Campbell, of Lochow, continued faithful to King David, the son of Bruce; and died in 1340. His grandson, Sir Duncan, the first of the family who assumed the name of Argyll, was created a Baron of Parliament—Lord Campbell, of the county of Argyll—in 1445. His Lordship was of such consideration, that he received in marriage Lady Margery Stuart, daughter of Robert duke of Albany, Regent of Scotland. He died in 1453, and was succeeded by his grandson, Colin, created Earl of Argyll, by James II., in 1457, and Lord of Lorn, in 1478. From 1483, till his decease, in 1492, he held the honourable and important office of Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, &c.

From the period here adverted to, we have, in our "Illustrative Memoir of the Right Honourable Harriet Charlotte Beaujolais, Viscountess Tullamore," one of the daughters of Lady Charlotte Bury, so distinctly traced the descent of the Argyll family, that interesting as the subject is, we must, instead of again enlarging on it, content ourselves with requesting the reader to turn to the third volume of LA BELLE ASSEMBLEE.*

* Page 185; where also will be found a fine Portrait of Lady Tullamore, engraved by Cochran, from a miniature by Wilkin.

The Dukedom of Argyll originated in the year 1701, in the person of Archibald, tenth Earl, the eldest son of ~~that~~ Lord Argyll, who, after his surprising escape into Holland, landed again in Scotland, where he was taken prisoner, and beheaded at the Market Cross, Edinburgh, under a former unjust sentence, for high treason.*

His Grace, John, the fifth duke, father of Lady Charlotte Bury, was born in the year 1720. His mother was the Lady Mary, daughter of John, second Lord Bellenden. On the 19th of December, 1766, previously to the death of his father, he was created a peer of England, by the title of Baron Sundredge, of Coombank, in the county of Kent, with remainder to the issue male of his brothers Frederick and John. He married, as already observed, in 1759, her Grace, Elizabeth, widow of James, Duke of Hamilton. Of this marriage, the fifth child and second daughter † was

* His Lordship suffered the fatal sentence of the law on the 30th of June, 1685. He is said to have composed his own epitaph, as follows, a few hours before his death:—

“Thou, passenger, that shalt have so much time,
As view my grave, and ask what was my crime,
No stain of error, no black vice's brand,
Did me compel to leave my native land.
Love to my country, truth condemned to die,
Did force my hands forgotten arms to try;
More from friends' fraud my fall proceeded
hath
Than foes, though thrice they did attempt my
death.
On my design, though Providence did frown,
Yet God at last will surely raise his own;
Another, hand with more successful speed,
Shall raise the remnant, bruise the serpent's
head.”

† Altogether, the Duke's family were as follows:—1. George, died an infant; 2. George William, the present Duke, born in 1768; succeeded his father, on the 24th of May, 1806; married, in 1810, the Lady Caroline Elizabeth Villiers, daughter of George, fourth Earl of Jersey; 3. John Douglas Edward Henry, born in 1777; married, *first*, in 1802, Elizabeth, (eldest daughter of William Campbell, of Fairfield, Esq.,) who died in 1818; *secondly*, in 1820, Miss Glassel, of Long Niddrie, North Britain; 4. Augusta, born in 1769; married

The Lady Charlotte Susan Maria Campbell. Her Ladyship was born on the 21st of June, 1775; and, on the 14th of June, 1796, she was married to Colonel John, Campbell, eldest son of Walter Campbell, of Shawfield, North Britain, Esq. By that gentleman, she had several children. Her Ladyship's eldest daughter, Eliza Maria, was married, on the 11th of September, 1815, to Sir William Gordon Cumming Gordon, of Gordonstown, in the county of Elgin, Bart., by whom she has a family of four sons and two daughters. Of this lady, we have a fine portrait, by Ross, now in the hands of the engraver, to constitute one of the embellishments of *LA BELLE ASSEMBLEE*. To the portrait of Lady Charlotte Bury's younger daughter, Harriet Charlotte Beaujolois, Viscountess Tullamore, in our third volume, we have already alluded.*

Colonel Campbell, Lady Charlotte's first husband, having died on the 15th of March, 1809, her Ladyship was again married the 17th of March, 1818, to the Rev. Edward Bury, of Ludshelve, Hants, son of Edward Bury, late of Iver Lodge, in the county of Bucks, Esq., and descendant in the direct line of Edward Bury, of Bulfan Hall and Raleigh Park, county of Essex, of the Bed Chamber of Henry VIII., and holding the above estates by grant of the same Henry, 1540. He is descended also maternally from Margaret, only daughter of John, third son of the Earl of Morton, who fell at the battle of Fontenoy, 1745.

By this marriage, her Ladyship had issue two daughters:—1. Blanche Augusta, born at Rome, 9th July, 1819; and, 2. Beatrice Margaret, born at Pisa, 17th December, 1820, who died an infant.

to Lieutenant General Clavering, son of the late Sir John Clavering, K.B.; 5. Charlotte Susan Maria.

* In the second volume of *LA BELLE ASSEMBLEE* will be found a beautiful portrait of the Countess of Charleville, mother of Lord Tullamore, engraved by Thomson, from a painting by Hamilton. The accompanying memoir embraces a genealogical and historical account of the noble families of Charleville and Cremorne, ancestors of Lord Tullamore.